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PARTICIPATION IN STUDY TOUR IN USSR

REF: (A) STATE 219512, (B) GENEVA 7033, (C) GENEVA 7006

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF (A) USDEL HAS MANAGED KEEP ISSUE
OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN SOVIET STUDY TOUR OUT OF
DISCUSSION IN OPEN COMMITTEE SESSION.

2. AT URGING OF USDEL, SECRETARIAT DECIDED NOT TO ISSUE
CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER REPORTED REF (C) TO EFFECT THAT
USSR WOULD HAVE "CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES" RE PARTICIPATION
OF NON-ECE MEMBERS IN STUDY TOUR.

3. USDEL ASSURED ISRAELI MISSION OF US SUPPORT
ON RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AND ADVISED OF OUR EFFORTS TO
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HANDLE ISSUE INFORMALLY IN ORDER TO KEEP IT OUT OF

COMMITTEE AND AVOID BOXING IN SOVIETS UNNECESSARILY.
ISRAELIS FULLY UNDERSTOOD US POSITION AND OUR PROPOSED
ACTION OF DIRECT INFORMAL DEMARCHE WITH SOVIETS.

4. USDEL DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH RHINELANDER AND
RASSIAS FINAL DEPOSITS FOR STUDY TOUR APPLICATIONS
UNTIL ISRAELIS RECEIVE GREEN LIGHT FROM SOVIETS, BUT
HAVE NOT TOLD SOVIETS WE WILL NOT FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. EC NINE AT MEETING MORNING SEPT 6 DECIDED NOT
TO MAKE DIRECT DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS, EITHER SEPARATELY
OR COLLECTIVELY, AS THEY FELT THEIR POSITION HAD BEEN
MADE CLEAR THROUGH STANOVNIK AND OTHER SECRETARIAT
OFFICIALS. AT OUR URGING, HOWEVER, THIS POSITION RE-
VERSED AT SEPT 7 MORNING MEETING AND EC INFORMAL
DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS EXPECTED TODAY. CANADIANS ADVISED
THEY UNDER STRONG INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE INFORMAL DEMARCHE
TO SOVIETS AND ARE KNOWN TO HAVE DONE SO.

7. DURING MEETINGS WITH SOVIET DEL AND SOVIET MISSION
PERSONNEL IN CORRIDORS AND AT SOVIET RECEPTION EVENING
SEPT 6 USDEL EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN RE ISSUE
WHICH WE ASSUMED WAS DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING AND HOPED
COULD BE RESOLVED SOON. BOTH SOVIET MISSION OFFICER
AND SOVIET DEL MEMBER, VALDIMIR NOVIKOV (YOUNG FOREIGN
RELATIONS DIVISION ASSISTANT IN GOSGRAZHDANSTROY, WHO
IS IN GENEVA TO ASSIST DELEGATES IN STUDY TOUR PRE-
PARATION), EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED
BY TUESDAY, SEPT 7 OR AT LATEST WEDNESDAY,
SEPT 8, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE "NO PROBLEM".

8. SOVIET DEL INCLUDES ONLY NOVIKOV AND HEAD OF
DELEGATION VALDIMIR VANUYUKHIN, CHIEF OF DEPT
ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND STANDARDS IN STATE
COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE
(GOSGRAZHDANSTROY). VANUYUKHIN ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S
ECE/HBP SESSION AS MEMBER OF THREE-MAN DELEGATION
HEADED BY GOSGRAZHDANSTROY VICE CHAIRMAN RODIN, AND
INCLUDING DEPUTY CHIEF OF GOSGRAZHDANSTROY FOREIGN
RELATIONS DEPT PLOTNIKOV. EXPLANATION GIVEN
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TO USDEL FOR ABSENCE OF SENIOR OFFICIAL ON SOVDEL
WAS THAT "RODIN IS BUSY WITH STUDY TOUR PREPARATIONS".
(FOR INFORMATION HUD/OLA NOVIKOV TOLD RASSIAS THAT
CHAIRMAN OF GOSGRAZHDANSTROY FOMIN IS ON VACATION AND
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH ECE STUDY TOUR PARTICI-
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